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# Food Hacks: Recipes

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It's easy to say that you can save money by making common, household foods or specialty items yourself, but it's much harder to figure out how to actually do that. Here are some recipes that should help:

## [A Couple of Recipes for Pesto](#)

Apparently, there's some vehement disagreements as to how pesto should be made. Whichever recipe you choose, you'll save on the pre-made stuff from the grocery store and you'll be able to make as much as you need. Added props? You can flavor it to your own taste.

## [Roasted Tomatoes](#)

Finally, something to do with the ones that manage to get bruised between the grocery store and the house! Great on salads, pizzas, and in spaghetti sauce.

[Smoothies](#) , with comments on how to make them more like the ones you get in the restaurants

There are a million smoothie recipes out there, so take this as a reminder: Juice World is not the only place with a blender!

## [Biscotti](#)

What could be more delectable than hard bread? Seriously, though, the co-workers and the party guests will love these, and they'll never know you didn't get them at the store...unless their fabulous taste gives you away.

## [Root Beer](#)

What could be more fun than brewing your own (root) beer in the basement? Once you get the hang of it, you can experiment with sweeteners, flavors, etc. Who knows...maybe you'll be the next Soda King.

## [Reduced Balsamic Vinagar](#)

If you haven't heard of it, it sounds a little strange. But if you have? Well, I'll just say that most people who try it find themselves thinking about it for days afterward. Longing for it. To put their arms around it, love it, squeeze it...oh, wait. Nevermind. But it is good--a sweet-but-tangy sauce for fruit and (for the daring) vegetables. Bring it to your next potluck get-together.



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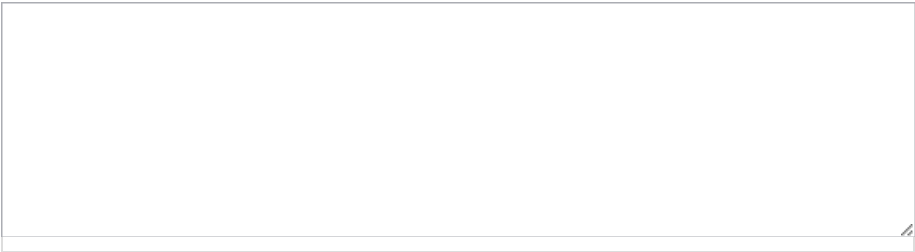
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